

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 6, 2014

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 6, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 22nd meeting were approved on a motion by Ken Masters with a second by Mark Bacon.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Kristi Amos reported on the Dinning with Diabetes program that was just offered in conjunction with Rush Memorial Hospital. Amos also noted the Forestry, Farm and Field Day are being planned.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented information on a company named Masters Touch. The proposal was to print and mail tax bills and also to establish e-billing and accept e-checks at a cost of \$8,344.11. Humphrey will return on October 20th with a contract for the Commissioners to consider.

ECDC

Economic Development Director John McCane announced that the new extension to 16th street was now open. North Industrial Park is running behind schedule but the work is progressing as weather allows. McCane shared that State Road 3 would not be cut for this project. Funds have been allocated to bore under the highway.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that he received a letter from CSX railroad stating that the county no longer had permissible use of the railroad crossing that leads to the shooting range and the county farm. CSX wanted the county to sign a document that would allow them to determine if a flagger is needed at the crossing which the county would be liable for the cost. CSX would also need to be listed as additional insured on the county's policy. Attorney Leigh Morning will contact CSX.

Sitton submitted the monthly report for September stating that the Road & Street fund has \$40,000 more than what was reported due to an end of the month receipt.

Mr. Sitton also discussed Bridge 94 - more commonly known as the first covered bridge. Steve Jones of United Consulting Engineers shared that the lower cord could be repaired temporarily for \$9,400 and could be opened at 10 tons or lower the limit. The bridge could be put on a federal project with a cost of rebuilding at \$1,100,000. If approved construction would take place in 2019 with a 20% match by the county.

HEATING AND COOLING

Request for proposals for the heating and cooling contract for the courthouse were opened at 9:30a.m. QPH submitted a proposal of \$8,880 per year. Turnkey's proposal was in the amount of \$2,400 per year but it did not include a spec sheet or form B-13. Mark Bacon moved to accept the quote from QPH with an immediate contract date and an adjustment for the filters delivered by Turnkey. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY TRUCK BIDS

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented a spreadsheet sheet used in ranking the bids received for 6 new dump trucks with blades. Sitton recommendation with the highest accumulated points is Stoops Trucking. Mark Bacon moved to accept the bid from Stoop at \$846,400. Ken Masters moved to second the action. Motion carried. Sitton announced that he will have the 7 year lease agreement in November.

AUDITOR

- EMS run reports were received from Carthage and Raleigh
- The auditor reported that the courthouse water bill has continued to climb the last three months
- Public Hearing on a County Library is schedule for tonight at 7:00p.m. There will be a sign-in sheet and a three minute limit on presentations.
- Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.
- Mark Bacon moved to pay the payroll claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

WORK ONE

Ken Masters announced that Work One would like to honor veterans with a job fair on November 3rd and a Health Screening on November 13th at the Cullman Center in Richmond.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Ken Masters offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor